GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF MEDICAL EDUCATION
VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are considering to strengthen the quality of Medical Education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of India have proposed to seek World Bank assistance for strengthening the physical infrastructure of the Government Medical Colleges in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b): The Medical Council of India with the approval of the Union Government has laid down broad principles to be observed by the institutions/Universities in the Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 1997 and the Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000. These Regulations prescribe, inter-alia the objectives of the course, minimum eligibility requirement for joining the course, selection criteria, period of training/internship, procedures relating to the conduct of examination, award of marks and the qualifications of the examiners.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. However, the proposals received from the State Governments for assistance from the World Bank for strengthening the physical infrastructure of medical colleges are required to be examined in consultation with the Planning Commission and forwarded to the Department of Economic Affairs for posing to the World Bank.The Government have received such proposals from the Governments of Maharashtra, Karnataka, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Gujarat, Delhi and Chandigarh.